



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Clay Essick  
Serial No.: 10/656,817  
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For: ELASTIC RETAINER STRAP

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO 1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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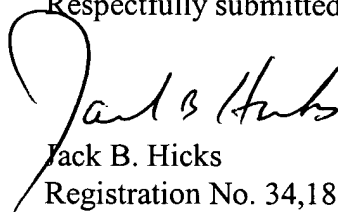
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

**The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.**

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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	3a-g	CL-VIS-24-BLU, Caseit, website printout dated November 22, 2002.						
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